The Daily Courant.

Friday, March 29. 1706.

The latter Part of the Journal transmitted from Barcelona; containing what pass'd in Catalonia and Valencia from the Beginning of this Year to the 2d of February.

THE 1st and 2d of January, we had Advice that our Troops, as also the Militia of the Kingdom of Valencia, were drawing together from all Quarters, to oppose the Enemy vigorously on that side: That the Peasants of San Matteo had made a Sally on the Besiegers with Success, and taken some Prisoners, besides such as voluntarily: And that Troops were march'd out of Tortosa in Order to succour that Place. We had likewise Advice, that the Enemy were advancing towards Lerida, and that thereupon our Men that were in Fraga had judg'd it best to demolish it and retire to Lerida. So that the Enemy have 3 Bodies against us, one in the Kingdom of Valencia, another in Arragon, and the 3d in Rousillon. Upon all these Advices a Council of War was held, and divers Orders were dispatch'd touching the Guarding of the Frontiers.

The 3d a Conference was held upon military Affairs, and some Orders were sent to my Lord Peterborow; and also to Lieutenant General Cunningham how to act about Mequinenza. We receiv'd Advice, that Don Juan d' Aumada was on the march with his Regiment towards Tortosa.

The 4th his Majesty's Plenipotentiaries went to the House of the Deputation, to assist at the Assembly. An Express was sent to my Lord Peterborow with Letters from his Majesty: The 5th a Priest that came from Valencia reported, that Prince Hesclaes was with 3000 Men before San Matteo; that the Peasants were possess'd of all the Passages; and that Don Francisco d' Avila was with 2000 Foot and 500 Horse at Continente on the furthest Edge of the Kingdom of Valencia, having forc'd the Enemy to draw off some Troops they had on that side. A Council of War was held, and divers Orders were dispatch'd.

The 6th we had Advice from Valencia, that the 25th of December the Town of Xativa, and the 28th that of Orguela, had submitted to the King, and done Homage, with extraordinary Demonstrations of Joy. We had also an Account, that the French attempting to surprize San Matteo treacherously, were saluted with a terrible Discharge of Musquets.

The 7th we had Advice from Girone, that a Body of Men commanded by the Duke de Noailles was arriv'd in Rousillon, and was marching for Catalonia: And that 4000 Men, most Horse, were arriv'd at Saragossa in Arragon, to act joyntly with the others. The Master of a Ship come from Majorca, reported, that the People of that Island, the Viceroy only excepted, were intirely dispos'd to submit to the King. The same Day we had Intelligence from Saragossa, that there had been a great Tumult in that City against the French, and that the whole Kingdom of Arragon wanted only King Charles's Presence to embolden them to declare for him. Letters from Madrid advis'd, that the Duke of Anjou had order'd publick Prayers, and that the Affairs of that Court went worse and worse.

The 8th Order was given, that the 3000 Men of regular Troops, and the Militia that were in the Parts adjacent to San Matteo, should without Delay joyn the Commandant General my Lord Peterborow, who was advanc'd from Tortosa into those Parts, and that they should obey his Orders. The Regiment of Aumada was likewise order'd to march.

The 9th we had a Confirmation, that Lieutenant General Cunningham, considering that the Town of Fraga, which had been twice possess'd by our Men in the Compass of 2 Months, was not in a Condition to endure a Siege, and that the Enemy was advancing with 8 or 10000 Men, had abandon'd that Place, and was retir'd with the Garrison to Lerida.

The 10th we had Advice, that the loyal County of Ribagorza had resolv'd to form a Regiment of Foot for his Majesty, and Officers were nominated for that purpose.

The 11th and 12th, upon Advice of the march of the Enemy's Troops into Arragon, and that Lerida was threaten'd with a Siege, Councils of War were held in his Majesty's Presence, and proper Orders were dispatch'd; among others to Don Juan d' Aumada to stay with his Regiment in Lerida, and to Count Guiccardi to keep there likewise with his Troop of Horse, till further Order; and this Resolution was communicated to my Lord Peterborow. Lieutenant General Cunningham was also order'd to fortify and defend the Passages of Mequinenza and Monzon. The same Day (the 12th) we had Advice that the Enemy had abandon'd the Siege of San Matteo, with such Precipitation, that they left their Tents behind in their Camp.

The 13th came Advice from the Earl of Peterborow, that the 4th he had been receiv'd at Tortosa by the Magistrates, the Burghers being under Arms, had been saluted with a triple Discharge of Cannon and Musquets, and conducted to the Bishop's Palace. The 6th he caus'd 3 English Regiments to march before; and the 7th he march'd with the English Horse, the Regiment of Don Joseph Nebot, the the Militia commanded by the Chiefs of the Province and well disciplin'd. The 8th he arriv'd at Traichera within 2 Leagues of San Matteo. The Besiegers had already set their Miners to work under the Walls of that Place, but through the Inexperience of the Workmen the Mine sprung backwards, and buried 40 Men in its Ruins: Upon which, and on Intelligence of the Approach of our Troops, the Enemy rais'd the Siege, and retir'd 2 Leagues to Penesal. Don Juan the Governour, made a Sally upon their Rear, and kill'd them 300 Men. On our side no more than 9 Men were kill'd or wounded.

The 14th a Genouese Saick, that came from Lisbon with Letters 15 Days before, perish'd by accident near Mataro, but some Fishermen brought a Pacquet to Barcelona, by which we are inform'd that the King of Portugal had caus'd Illuminations and Rejoycings to be made 3 Days successfully, for the News of the Conquest of Catalonia. The 15th nothing pass'd worth Notice. The 16th after a Conference, Order was sent to the Regiment of Aumada to march to Valencia.

The 17th we had Advice, that the City of Valencia and the Deputation had resolv'd to raise for his Majesty's Service, the first a Terza of 500 Foot, the latter one of 400 Horse, and that those Regiments would be ready in a little Time. That the Enemy was advanc'd to Chiva in that Kingdom, and that a Detachment of theirs had been routed by one of ours with considerable Loss. The Valencians desiring a Reinforcement, it was resolv'd to send thither, besides the Regiment of Aumada, that of Hamilton, and Part of that of Peguera, with the intire Regiment of Castellon; and also Ammunition to my Lord Peterborow.

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The 18th 3 Couriers were dispatch'd, one to Valencia, the other to San Matteo, whence we had Advice that the Enemy were march'd away to joyn those at Chiva: 10 Deserters arriv'd that Day, and reported their Horses had been taken from them by our Parties.

The 19th his Majesty assisted at a Conference, and divers Orders were issued for the March of the Troops. The 20th it was resolv'd in a Council of War to reinforce our Troops on the Frontier of Arragon, about Varea and Calaceite, whence we had Advice, that the Enemy had exercis'd inhuman Cruelties in all the Places they had entred. In the little Castle of Conde they massacred 4 Men of about Fourscore Years old each, and 2 sick Persons that could not stir to save themselves; they burnt 7 Persons in a neighbouring Village; and threw from off the Steeple a young Lad that rung out the Bell. Their Design is to intimidate the People by these tyrannical Cruelties. They have not in their Rage spar'd Places sacred, but burnt a Chappel in their Retreat from San Matteo.

The 21st the Archbishop of Saragossa having caus'd a Writing to be printed and publish'd in favour of the Duke of Anjou, and to preserve (as he pretends) the common People from Heresy; an Answer was publish'd on our Side, and entitul'd *the naked Truth*, to refute the Archbishop and undeceive the People. We receiv'd Advice, that my Lord Dunegal was march'd out of Girone with his Troops on some Enterprize. The 22d some Brass Cannon were cast, and others in the Arsenal were mended.

The 25th and 26th we were inform'd by Letters from Tortosa, that the Enemy were advanc'd into the Neighbourhood of Valencia, about Murviedro, in Number 3000 Foot and 500 Horse; and that the Earl of Peterborow was preparing to march that Way with his Troops and others that he expected. We had also Advice, that Calaceite, Valderobles, Cretas, Arnes, Estavilla, and Orta, on the Frontier of Arragon, had been forc'd to submit to the Enemy, who treated the Inhabitants every where tyrannically. Our Saicks that cruize off Rosez, have taken and carried into Palamos 2 of the Enemy's Saicks laded with Corn. That Day (the 26th) a Council of War was held, at which assisted as usual, the Ambassador of Portugal, the Prince of Lichtenstein, the Count of Cifuentes, General Ulefeld, and Don Andrew de Molina Secretary. The 27 h 500 Men of the Castillian Regiment exercis'd in his Majesty's Presence; and were embark'd and sent to Tortosa.

Upon Advice from Puicerda, that the Enemy in those Parts, had besides Regular Troops 28 Companies of Miquelets, and at Perpignan 300 Waggons for carrying Ammunition and Provisions, it was resolv'd to furnish all our Places on that side with Men and Money.

We had Advice likewise from Lerida, that Lieutenant General Cunningham having Intelligence the Enemy that lay about Balbastro had a Design to attack our Dragoons at Tamarite, order'd Collonel Wills to march that Way with 300 Grenadiers and as many Fusileres. The 25th General Asfeld advanc'd with 9 Battallions and 9 Squadrons against that Collonel, who notwithstanding the small Number of his Men, charg'd and repuls'd the Enemy's Vanguard, who retir'd in Disorder to Fons and Almana. The following Night Lieutenant General Cunningham and Collonel Palms having reinforc'd Collonel Wills, to the Number of 1000 English and Dutch, the Enemy attack'd them the 26th in the Morning, and in the Beginning of the Fight Lieutenant General Cunningham was wounded in the Belly and carried off; Collonel Wills supply'd his Place, and fought till 3 in the Afternoon with so great Vigour, that the Enemy were oblig'd to retire towards Fons, having lost abundance of Men. Ours staid 2 Hours in the Enemy's Camp, and then march'd to Balaguer. Lieutenant General Cunningham, died of his Wound: Collonel Palms receiv'd 2 Wounds, but they were not dangerous. But few of our Soldiers fell. A French Lieutenant Collonel and a Lieutenant were taken Prisoners.

The 29th 250 Men of the Regiment of Paguera, and that of Hamilton of 300 Men, were embark'd for Tortosa, with some Cannon. We receiv'd fresh Accounts of the Barbarities of the French; that they plunder'd Churches and other consecrated Places, committing Irreverences against the holy Sacrament, driving the Monks out of their Convents, violating the Nuns, and doing other horrid Abominations. The 30th a Company of Grenadiers Castillians, sail'd for Tortosa, whence we had Advice the 31st by a Courier, that the Enemy seem'd to design to besiege that City, but that the Magistrates and Burghers had voluntarily given Assurances of their stedfast Loyalty for his Majesty. A Conference was held in his Majesty's Presence, in which it was resolv'd to send Tortosa as many Horse as was possible; and 80 Grenadiers of the Regiment of Castellon were sent away.

The 1st of February, 8 large French Men of War, 3 of them threedeck'd Ships, appear'd in sight of this City (Barcelona) standing as was suppos'd towards Rosez; whereupon an Express was sent to warn our Barks that were at Cadaguez to look to themselves. The Count of Cifuentes is on his Departure for Tortosa.

The Letters from Vienna of the 10th of March, in which this Journal came enclos'd, advis'd, that the Number of Forces which the Earl of Peterborow led to the Relief of Valencia, was 14 Squadrons of Horse, 3 Battallions of Foot, and 5000 Miquelets.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Saturday, the 30th of March, will be presented an Opera, call'd, Camilla, by Subscription. None to be admitted into the Boxes or Pit but by the Subscribers Tickets.

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Lost from a House on Dowgate-Hill, London, on Easter-Tuesday the 26th of March, a little Black and White Spaniel Bitch, about 7 Inches high, short Ears, with very long Hair growing over them, a large brush Tail, and her Name Vene. Whoever shall bring her to the East-India Coffee-House over against Skinner's-Hall on Dowgate-Hill aforesaid shall receive 10 s. as a Reward for so doing.

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